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The amendment to the claims filed on December 29, 2003 does not comply with the requirements for filing claims under the new revised format. In particular, the markings in the claims relative to changes made do not appear to be correct. For example, claim 39 has substantially deleted and added matter, but has no markings whatsoever. Below please find the new requirements.

TREATMENT OF NON-COMPLIANT AMENDMENTS

All amendments received by the Office on or after July 30, 2003 must be in compliance with the rules as required by the Revised Amendment Practice, please see 1274 OG 165). This format requires that Applicants account for the status of all of the claims:

A. A Complete Listing of Claims is Always Required: If an amendment adds, changes or deletes any claim, a detailed listing of all claims that are, or were, in the application, irrespective of whether the claim(s) remains under examination in the application, must be presented, and the amendment to the claims is expressed in the listing. The listing shall be presented as follows:

1. Ascending Order and Status Identifier Required. The listing shall be provided in sequential ascending numerical order (beginning with claim 1). A status identifier shall be provided for every claim in a parenthetical expression following the claim number (e.g., "Claim 1. (original)"). A list of acceptable status identifiers is set forth in part B, below. The text of all claims under examination shall be submitted each time any claim is amended. Cancelled and withdrawn claims should be indicated by only the claim number and status. The text of cancelled or withdrawn claims should not be presented.

2. Markings in Currently Amended Claims Required. All claims being currently amended shall be submitted with markings to indicate the changes that have been made relative to the immediate prior version of the claims. The changes in any amended claim should be shown by strikethrough (for deleted matter) or underlining (for added matter). No separate "clean" version should be submitted for currently amended claims, as this requirement has been eliminated. Markings should only be made in claims being currently amended in an amendment paper.

3. Only Clean Text Required for Other Claims Under Examination. The text of pending claims not being currently amended that are under examination shall be presented in a clean version in the listing. Any claim presented in clean version constitutes an assertion that it has not been changed relative to the immediate prior version.

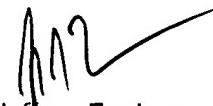
4. Status to Effect Claim Cancellation or Addition. A claim may be cancelled by merely indicating the status of the claim as cancelled. Any new claim added by amendment must be indicated by the appropriate status identifier and shall not be underlined.

Thus, added new claims of status (new), (reinstated - formerly claim #\_) and (re-presented - formerly dependent claim #\_) must be presented in clean version. Additional claims may be subject to additional fees, as appropriate.

5. When Grouping of Claims is Permitted. Consecutive cancelled or withdrawn claims may be aggregated into one line of the listing (e.g. Claims 1 - 5 (cancelled)).

6. Use "Currently Amended" Status Where Applicable. If any "previously reinstated" or "previously re-presented" claim is being amended, the status shall be indicated as "currently amended" with markings as indicated in paragraph A2, above. Multiple status identifiers should not be used for any single claim.

In particular, as noted above the reply filed on 12/29/2003 is not fully responsive to the prior Office Action because the amendment does not comply with the new format in that the claim amendments do not meet the requirements of (2) above, with markings in the currently amended claims required. Since the above-mentioned reply appears to be bona fide, applicant is given ONE (1) MONTH or THIRTY (30) DAYS from the mailing date of this notice, whichever is longer, within which to supply the omission or correction in order to avoid abandonment. EXTENSIONS OF THIS TIME PERIOD MAY BE GRANTED UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a).



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